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Letter dated 8 February 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith an urgent letter addressed to you by Mr. Salim El Hoss, President of the Council of Ministers of Lebanon.

The enclosed letter (see annex) reports on the intensive air strikes which Israel undertook in the early morning hours against Lebanon. This recent attack is yet another manifestation of the continuous Israeli aggression against Lebanon, its civilian population and its infrastructure. The full extent of the damages, on both the human-loss side and the material side, caused by these recent attacks is yet to be fully assessed.

Therefore, I kindly ask you to do your utmost to persuade the concerned Israeli authorities to stop such heedless aggression, which violates the understanding of April 1996, the Charter of the United Nations and international laws and conventions.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Selim TADMOURY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative